

## MONS ANDERSON.

### **Biography from the Lehi Centennial History**

Mons Anderson was born February 8, 1829, at Ringsager, Hedemarken, Norway. He emigrated to America in 1848, locating in Wisconsin. In 1852 he started for the gold fields of California, but while passing through Salt Lake City, he was converted to Mormonism through hearing Orson Pratt preach, and was baptized by Robert T. Burton, July 9, 1852.

He remained in Salt Lake City, and married Christine Bensen July 3, 1854. Before leaving Salt Lake City, he was called to go and meet Johnston's army in Echo canyon.

He moved to Lehi in April, 1858. He filled a mission to Norway in 1870-1872, laboring as traveling elder and as president of the Christiania Conference. In 1882-1883, he filled another mission to Wisconsin and Minnesota.

He married Hanna Gulbrandson in October, 1875. He was the father of seven sons and two daughters.

He was one of the first men in Lehi to raise flax, hemp, and broom corn, and to manufacture from these products rough linen, rope, and brooms. For many years he was president of the Scandinavians of Lehi. He also filled other ecclesiastical positions.

Mr. Anderson took part in all the activities and withstood all the hardships of early Lehi, and was among the most ardent of pioneer town builders. He was a prominent and progressive citizen to the time of his death, September 18, 1908.